CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Sam

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500856.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Contains explicit sex scenes.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 23 December 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 23 December 2015

	Components	**Running time**
Timed component(s):	Sam	14:56
Total running time:		14:56

Summary of reasons for decision:

The file depicts explicit sexual activity between two men and includes mild coercive elements and dehumanising treatment. It was submitted because of concerns that the younger of the two men was a young person. Having examined the video, however, this is not able to be concluded with any confidence, and the benefit of the doubt has been given as to his age.

Concerns about the age of one of the participants aside, the clip presents as a somewhat seedy dominant/submissive session intended for the sexual arousal of adults. There is a likelihood of injury to the public good if it is made available to children and young persons. Injury lies in young people being inexperienced with this sort of material and developing negative attitudes towards sex and adult sexual relationships as a result.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. The classification given to this publication limits freedom of expression, but a restriction on its availability is necessary in order to avoid injury to the public good. A higher restriction in the form of an objectionable classification would not be reasonable.